

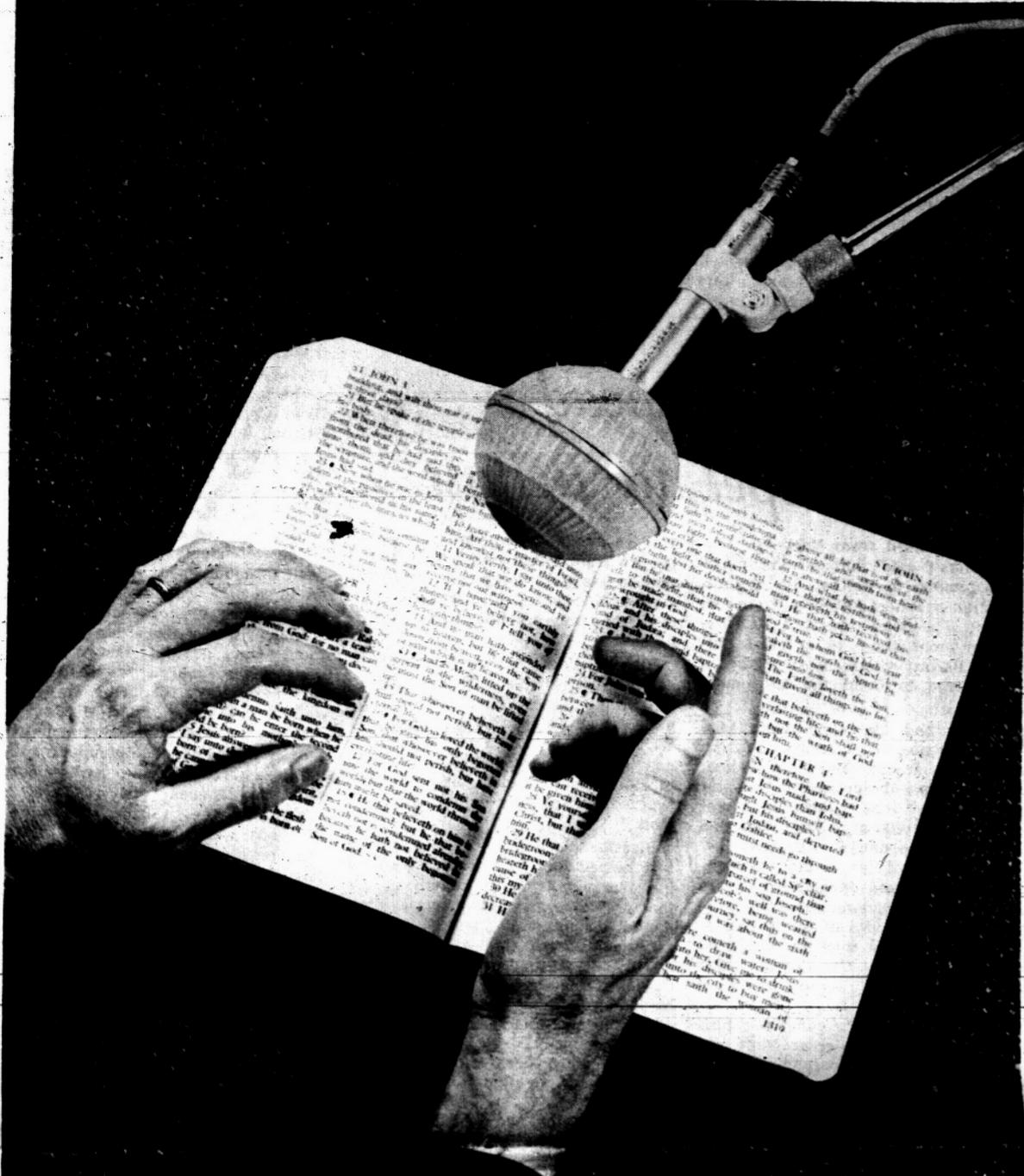
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## "BAPTIST HOUR" ANNIVERSARY

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' first radio program, "The Baptist Hour," is celebrating 30 years of preaching Christ on the air. Produced by the Radio and Television Commission, the program features the Bible-

centered preaching of Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. It is heard on about 450 stations in all 50 states.

## WIN Materials Add New Life To Local Church Evangelism

By James Evans McReynolds  
NASHVILLE—Local church evangelism has been given the possibility of new life through the Witness Involvement Now—WIN materials.

Produced by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in consultation with the Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the material was prepared under the editorial coordination of John Ishee, editor, adult curriculum materials, church training department. The materials center on the local

church, where church members are trained to win unsaved people to Jesus Christ.

"WIN is to motivate, train and lead the church member to be an evangelistic witness as he is involved in today's world," Ishee said.

"It is not a program but a project. With this material a pastor can conduct his own WIN institute for evangelism. Nothing that I have worked on in my eight years as an editor has been a more significant contribution to the evangelistic thrust of the local church than the WIN materials."

Ishee added.

Bible-centered, clear, simple, inexpensive and practical are characteristics of the material.

"It is impossible to use this material without using the Bible in a physical way. The cost is less expensive than most evangelism materials provided by other groups. It has been field tested by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board," Ishee said.

Beginning in October, a book of procedures will be added to the WIN materials. This guide will recommend the use of present structure in the local church rather than imposing new structure upon existing ones.

Adapted for use in retreat settings, revivals, training sessions or special lay institutes of evangelism, the material will be flexible.

The book of procedures will be written with consideration of the resources of pastors and other church leaders in order that they might conduct lay evangelism institutes

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## CONVENTION TOUR OF ST. LOUIS INNER-CITY BAPTIST WORK SLATED

ST. LOUIS (BP)—A bus tour of Baptist work in the inner-city of St. Louis and major tourist attractions of the city has been scheduled during the Southern Baptist Convention on Wednesday afternoon, June 2.

Tickets will be available at the Home Mission Board booth at the convention, according to Martin L. Pratt, director of inner-city ministries for the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board. Cost of the tickets is \$2.00, plus a box lunch.

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## Blessitt, Moorehead Take Gospel To Belfast

By Jim Newton

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (BP)—After dragging a 200-pound cross throughout both sides of a no-man's-land dividing warring Protestants and Catholics here, two Baptist ministers from the USA sought to bring the reconciling message of Jesus to the people of the Belfast streets.

The response was "really tremendous," said Hollywood Baptist evangelist Arthur Blessitt, sometimes called the minister of Sunset Strip.

"We had opportunity after opportunity to tell them (the people on the streets) that the cross was the answer to the conflict," added Fenton Moorehead, minister to the generation gap at First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.

During the first days Blessitt and Moorehead were in Belfast, they dragged the 200 pound cross on both the Protestant and Catholic sides of the no-man's land, something the British troops guarding the area said would bring sure death if they attempted it.

They were threatened at least three times, picked up by the British troops but quickly released, and were cheered by the crowds, both Catholic and Protestant, when they were brought back to the "peace zone."

They were not successful in bringing any barbed wire down, nor in signing any peace treaties, or even enlisting Protestants and Catholics to form a "Jesus Peace Patrol" that would go up and down both sides of

the line calling for reconciliation and peace.

"But I don't believe we failed because we were obedient to Christ," Blessitt said. He added that he went to Belfast after "the Lord got a hold of my heart" and he became "burdened about Protestants and Catholics killing each other."

Blessitt said that when he left for Belfast, he did not think the conflict was caused by religious differences, but he returned home convinced that it was.

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then a hatred and fear has developed that the ministers would not openly report us for fear that someone could know," Blessitt said. "Their people hate so badly, they didn't want to be associated with a peace effort or fear of their lives," he added.

Both Blessitt and Moorehead said they were amazed at the way "God opened doors" for them on the trip to Belfast.

Blessitt had originally planned to take the trip alone, but a Miami businessman, Fred Roach, offered to Moorehead's expenses to accompany Blessitt. The Hollywood minister's expenses were paid by the Rugger Baptist Church of Boston.

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## Financial Crisis In Churches Foreseen

NEW YORK (RNS) — A leading journal on American philanthropy has warned that religion faced "a financial crisis beyond anything believed possible a few years ago" — despite the fact religion still receives the largest share of giving in the U.S.

Religion received \$8.2 billion or 44.8 per cent of the total national giving of \$18.3 billion in 1970. Its share, however, was down from 45.2 per cent of the total it received in 1969.

The figures for religious giving are based on funds given by individuals, foundations and other sources of the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Churches, and Jewish congregations in the U.S. It does not include giving to religious organizations.

The analysis of religious giving was part of the annual report on the status of philanthropy appearing in the 16th edition of *Giving USA*, a com-

pilation of facts and trends on philanthropy. It is edited by Harlan F. Lang and published here by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel, Inc.

"The churches are caught between the extremes in our society," the report noted. "They are damned if they do and damned if they don't. No one seems happy with what they are trying to do or not do!"

The publication said that "even conservative bodies not in the headlines of social problems have seen their contribution growth slow down, and they have contribution rates 3 to 4 times the Protestant average of \$87 per member."

"All of the factors, positive and negative which have been affecting the religious institutions, have created more and more uncertainty among people of religious persuasions," *Giving USA* said.

It reported that the annual Gallup survey on attitudes toward religion now shows that "75 per cent of adults think religion is losing its influence on life in this country."

"This is a 10 per cent increase in negative thinking in one year," the annual report said. "Previously, Protestants were more disillusioned, but Catholics now appear to be just as uncertain."

Total church membership in the U.S. increased by 35,000 to a total of 128.5 million in 1970. Church membership was 114.5 million in 1960 and 123.3 million in 1965.

Membership as a percentage of population is down, however, in 1970 — from 63.1 per cent of the total to 62.4 per cent.

Catholics, who make up nearly 40

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## New Department Heads At BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP) — The elected members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have approved six new department heads for the agency.

They are William M. Reynolds, secretary, church music department; Martin B. Bradley, secretary, research services department; Rowland Crowder, secretary, church architecture department; H. S. Simpson, manager, materials services (previously church literature) department.

Jerry Ross, managing art director, art services department and Robert Turner, manager, budget and accounting staff.

Always an active Christian, David Wong was, after Singapore 1968, a new member of a new vision. Aside

from the demands of his professional life, he organized laymen in Hong Kong to go in teams to the Philippines, Macao, Malaysia, and Singapore, preaching and sharing what Christ had meant to them. He organized Hong Kong's first Brotherhood, and led these men from many churches to put gospel teachings into practice by backing projects of social concern, helping to build a swimming pool for young people at the Baptist summer conference grounds, and preaching and witnessing throughout the colony of Hong Kong.

"We Baptists," he told the *Baptist World Congress* at Tokyo, "believe in the priesthood of all believers. This principle of using ordinary men from all walks of life to accomplish God's will has been held and observed by Baptists from the very beginning. It tells us that every believer is to dedicate his talents, his time, and his possessions to God and God's service."

"The need of our churches now is to harness and use the potential of

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Don Trotter



Jerry Ross



Rowland Crowder



William J. Reynolds



Martin B. Bradley



H. S. Simpson



Robert Turner

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS)—Noting that Protestants still suffer "grievous discrimination" from the Roman Catholic establishment in Spain, Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in a letter to William P. Rogers, Secretary of State, called on U. S. officials to use their contacts with Spain and with the Vatican "on behalf of religious liberty." His full statement follows:

"The Spanish Concordat with the Vatican continues to fasten on Spain forms of grievous discrimination against Protestants. The latest example is the refusal of Spanish government to permit delegations of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to hold their meetings in Spain. This kind of official obstructionism is what Protestants have long learned to expect in that country."

"President Nixon for some time has had a personal representative at the Vatican and has himself visited the Pope on two occasions. Secretary of State Rogers has also recently visited the Pope. In addition to this, U. S. economic aid to Spain has been substantial over a long period of years. The result of all this appears to be a deterioration of religious liberty in Spain which has an agreement with the Vatican making Roman Catholicism the official religion there. Despite talk of liberalizing religious restrictions, Protestants still suffer official discrimination and even harassment in their worship."

"We have today sent an appeal to Secretary of State William P. Rogers asking him to use the various contacts with Spain and the Vatican to gain permission for meetings of Protestant groups that are not registered with the government, and to secure the removal of other restrictions on religious freedom in Spain."

## Baptist Pastor Gets Suspended Sentence In Bond Fraud Case

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — U. S. District Judge Lansing W. Mitchell handed down a three-year suspended sentence against Mid-City Baptist Church Pastor J. Paul Driscoll here, giving him a 25-minute lecture for his involvement in a church bond mail fraud case.

Judge Mitchell sentenced three other defendants in the case to four and two year prison terms, giving them until June 21 before going to prison.

Clyde L. Rabun and Paul D. McMillan, identified as operators of Southeastern Church Funds, Inc., of Hou-

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# 25 Millionth Copy of "Good News" Presented To Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE (BP)—An executive of the American Bible Society presented here the symbolic 25 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man" to an executive of the Southern Baptist Convention.

James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the American Bible Society's national distribution program, made the presentation of the red leather-

bound Today's English Version of the New Testament to Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

An inscription on the inside of the 25 millionth copy said that the presentation was made "for the archives of the Southern Baptist Convention in recognition of Southern Baptist use of the Today's English Version and gen-

erous support of the Bible cause."

Nettinga, in making the presentation, held up copies of the Today's English Version (TEV) which had been published especially for Southern Baptists, with a total distribution of about 2½ million.

He said one special version produced for the Baptist General Convention of Texas totalled 1½ million—the largest single order in the history of the American Bible Society; another for the SBC Home Mission Board totalled 600,000; and two for Broadman Press totalled 550,000.

In addition, more than 6 million copies of portions and selections of the TEV version have been distributed by organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nettinga said.

Last year, Southern Baptist churches contributed \$233,185 toward the support of the American Bible Society's work.

In accepting the symbolic 25 millionth copy, Routh noted that about 15 per cent of the 25 million copies printed had been distributed by and for Southern Baptists.

Both Routh and Nettinga pointed out that a former Southern Baptist missionary and a Bible scholar, Robert G. Bratcher, headed the team of translators responsible for translation of "Good News for Modern Man."

The complete Old Testament will be published in 1975.



PORTR W. ROUTH (center), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, accepts the symbolic 25 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man" (Today's English Version) from James Nettinga (right) head of the American Bible Society's national distribution program. The copy was presented by the Bible Society to the SBC "in recognition of Southern Baptist use of Today's English Version and generous support of the Bible cause." Also participating in the presentation was Ed Cunningham (left) of Lexington, the Bible Society's special secretary for program and promotion. (BP) Photo.

## WIN Materials Add New Life

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without the expense of outside help," Ishee said.

Every member of a local church can be enlisted to serve in evangelism through use of the WIN materials.

Working with the director of new church member orientation, the church training director can relate new church member orientation to WIN materials. He can also supplement witnessing materials used to train church members.

Not only the church training director, but the church music director, minister of education, deacons, Sunday School outreach director, WMU director, Brotherhood director and church library director can participate in witnessing projects through use of the WIN materials.

Leading choir members, directors of graded choirs and instrumentalists to receive WIN training may be the task of the choir director or minister of music. He may also provide

witnessing opportunities for musicians as part of the musical activities sponsored by the local church.

Mission action projects which make use of the witnessing training gained through the WIN materials can be part of the outreach of the WMU and Brotherhood programs in the local church.

Securing, storing and displaying WIN materials may be the job of the church library director.

Direction of outreach projects to involve all church members in witnessing to the lost is the job of the Sunday School outreach director.

Coordination of the WIN project in the local church may be accomplished by the church council, which includes leaders in every organization of the local church.

The WIN materials particularly the Grow booklets, are so biblically based, and their emphasis is so needed by the vast majority of our present church members that it is recommended that the Churches order immediately these 36-page booklets; and

then now to use them for class, or individual study by the entire church membership. This will strengthen and deepen the spiritual commitment of present church members and enable them to engage in a great amount of Bible study and prayer. It will prepare the people for evangelism. An all-out effort should be made to enlist each resident church member in a study of the "WIN" Grow booklets either in a class, a group or by individual study of these booklets. Every organization should be prepared and trained to enlist people and conduct studies of the booklets.

WIN materials may be ordered from the Church Literature Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

### New Department - - -

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Simpson, now assistant to the director of the board's Publishing Division, joined the board in 1936 as an employee of the seminary Baptist Book Store, Fort Worth.

He has served the board as manager of the seminary store, manager of the Houston book store, manager of the Carbondale (Ill.) book store and merchandise control manager Nashville.

Jerry Ross joined the board in 1958 as an artist. He has served as senior artist and currently is an art supervisor.

Robert Turner, currently manager of systems staff, joined the board in 1958 as budget analyst in the accounting and control department.

He subsequently served as internal auditor and as manager of organization and methods.

Donald Trotter, presently a supervisor in the church training department has been named manager of the Sunday School department.

He will succeed Charles Livingstone director of the board's church program organizations group.

### Tanzanian Baptists To Organize In June

The Tanzania Baptist Convention is expected to be organized at Arusha, Tanzania, June 20. Representatives of more than 185 congregations will gather for their annual assembly, June 21, and decide whether or not to approve the constitution.

High on the order of business for the new convention will be the appointment of a home missionary.

### BWA Leader Dies

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The death in Stockholm of Joel Sorenson, first youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was confirmed here by the Alliance's Washington office.

Dr. Sorenson served as youth secretary for the world-wide Baptist organization from 1950-55, immediately preceding Robert S. Denny who now holds that post.

A native of Sweden, Dr. Sorenson was a leader in both church and civic affairs. He served as pastor of churches in Stockholm, as a leader of youth activities for the European Baptist Federation, and on the Swedish Baptist Alliance Missionary Board.

Dr. Sorenson died in Stockholm on April 21, according to the report here.

## Carey To Dedicate Building On Commencement Day May 29



Fisher Wilson

William Carey College will celebrate annual commencement on Saturday, May 29, as 190 seniors receive their degrees, listen to messages by two outstanding Mississippi Baptist leaders, and dedicate a new education and psychology building.

Commencement Day, 1971, will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, with the annual Senior Breakfast, given by the Carey Alumni Association. Baccalaureate services will begin at 10 in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium with Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, and member of the Carey Board of Trustees, delivering the sermon. At 5 p.m.

in the same auditorium the 190 members of the senior class will be challenged in an address by Dr. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College.

Another highlight of the day will be the dedication of a new building on the Carey campus immediately following the Baccalaureate service. The Fairchild Education and Psychology Building, the fifteenth addition to the Carey plant in as many years, has recently been completed and replaces the building which was destroyed by fire in November of 1969.

### West Point Youth To Present 'Natural High'

On Saturday night, May 29, the "Vibrations" of West Point will present the new folk musical "Natural High." The musical will be presented at the West Point Junior High School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

The "Vibrations" are a group of young people from several West Point

churches. Two years ago the West Point Community Youth Chorus presented "Tell It Like It Is" to nearly 2000 people.

The Junior High School Auditorium in West Point is located in the center of town. Around 1000 seats will be available for the performance. Jerry Neely, minister of music at First Church and director of the "Vibrations," invites youth groups from other churches to attend.



### Blue Mountain Installs New BSU Council

AT BLUE MOUNTAIN'S Installation Service for the 1971-72 Baptist Student Union Council, special participants were: left to right: Becky Stennett, newly installed BSU president; Rev. Ralph Culp, Blue Mountain ministerial student; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church; Kaye Wallace, outgoing president of the Baptist Student Union, who gave the charge to the new president and presented her with the BSU Plaque and BSU pin; and back, center, Rev. Robert Sugg, director of the BSU of the college. (Mr. Culp is pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Walnut.)

## Pastor Gets Suspended Sentence

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ton, were each sentenced to four years. Jessie Muriel Ray, also known as Jimmy Ray, the church's bond director, was sentenced to two years.

Driscoll and the three others had pled "nolo contendre," meaning "I do not wish to contest" the charges of one of the 13 counts of mail fraud handed down by the New Orleans Grand Jury.

Judge Mitchell placed Driscoll on a three-year probation and sternly warned him: "Now, Reverend, if at any time you get involved in these nefarious schemes during these three years, I'm going to get you back and put you in jail; you understand that?"

For nearly 25 minutes, the judge lectured the Baptist pastor, saying he shared the blame for the church bond fraud, and that "it could have happened except for you."

The indictment handed down by the New Orleans Grand Jury charged Driscoll and four others with conspiracy, fraud in the sale of securities, and mail fraud. The first count charged fraud in the sale of securities, and counts two through 12 charged separate instances of mail fraud.

The defendants pled "nolo contendre" to count eight, which was worded in such a way as to redleg all the charges of count one involving fraudulent sale of securities. The indictment charged that the defendants caused the church to issue bonds totalling \$11,986,000 during the period June 1, 1961 and Jan. 1, 1968.

Count one of the indictment further charged that the defendants caused the church to issue new series of bonds to conceal sinking fund deficits, that they falsely stated the proceeds would be used for church building construction, and that the defendants knew the church was not financially able to repurchase the bonds and meet sinking fund schedules.

Count eight charged the mailing of a letter of July 7, 1965, to a Mrs. John B. Looby of Metairie, La., in violation of mail fraud provisions.

Charging the defendants were guilty, Judge Mitchell in passing sentence gave Driscoll what two observers present called a "sound tongue lashing."

"I think you need to go down on your knees many a night in the future and pray for forgiveness for your part in this," the judge told Driscoll. "You were, Rev. Driscoll, involved in it. It could not have happened except for you."

He accused the minister of having "a terrific ego," and added: "You lack humility, and you had better ask God to straighten you out on that end."

"Yet you are a good man, basically," the judge continued. "You are a powerful preacher, and you have the ability to lead people to God, and for that reason and for that reason only I am giving you a second chance," Judge Mitchell said.

After telling him of the suspended sentence and probation, Judge Mitchell told Driscoll, "You just cannot take money from innocent widows and old men. . . I want you to think of the thousands (of dollars) you bilked out of these old people. . . that have nothing to live on. . . but relief and old age pensions."

You are not without sin, and I tell you that you have got a lot of praying to do," the Judge said. "I know that I have too, but you do also."

"But I think you are deserving of a (second) chance," Judge Mitchell said. "I think you are basically a fine man. I think probably your ego is one of the things that got you into trouble."

With that, the judge declared court adjourned.

## Blue Mountain Announces Commencement Speakers



Cullum Fisher

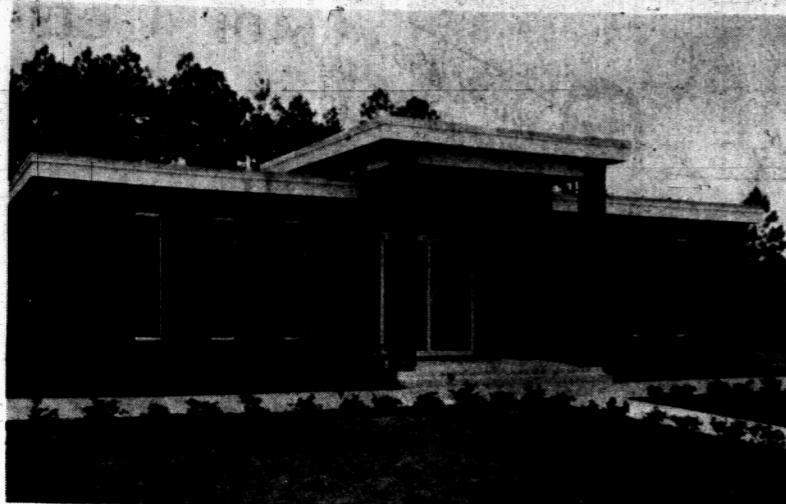
Fisher, executive secretary-Treasurer, Education Commission, SBC and editor of The Southern Baptist Educator, Nashville, will deliver the Baccalaureate Address for the 1971 May Convocation.

Dr. Fisher, a native of Webster, N. C., holds the B.A. degree from Wake Forest College; the B.D. degree from Andover Newton Theological School; did graduate study at the Univ. of North Carolina; and holds the LL.D. degree from Campbell College in North Carolina.

He has held pastorates in four North Carolina churches, and has held the following positions: Chairman of the English Department, Gardner-Webb Junior College, Executive Assistant to the President, and Director of Public Relations at the same college; associate secretary of the Education Commission, SBC, Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Education; the Director of Public Relations, and Professor of Christian Education, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Executive Secretary, Council on Christian Higher Education, North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Mr. Cullum, a native of Shreveport, La., received his educational training from Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Louisiana College, Pineville, La.; and New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La. He has held pastorates in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

On Sunday, May 30, at 3 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium of Blue Mountain College, Dr. Ben C.



### Flack Building Dedicated In Pascagoula

The Flack Building, in Pascagoula, new headquarters of the Jackson County Association, was dedicated on May 16. The building was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Flack by their children, Mrs. W. C. Heard, Mrs. Clyde Stringer, and James Flack. Dr. Chester Swor was guest speaker for the dedication service. Rev. Zeno Wells is superintendent of missions, Jackson County. "The Flacks have given some \$38,000 to Jackson County Baptists for the erection of this lovely building," states Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First, Pascagoula. Mrs. J. J. Flack and the late J. J. Flack, for whom the building is named, moved to Pascagoula in 1940 and First Church, Pascagoula became their church home.

## American Baptists Meet In Minneapolis, Minn.

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spirit of celebration and thanks-giving, with a communion service at the opening session using elements grown and processed by American Baptists. Representatives of all Twin Cities churches, Protestant and Catholic, were invited to participate in the ordinance.

Mrs. Marcus Rohlf of Seattle, Wash., was elected president, being the fifth woman president in the 64 year history of the Convention. She is the only woman to head a major denomination at this time. Other officers elected were the Rev. Dr. Woodrow W. Clark, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., first vice president; Warner B. Ragsdale, Washington, D. C. newspaperman, second vice president; and Milton W. Bennett, Toledo, Ohio businessman, re-elected to his third term as treasurer.

A key resolution adopted by the Convention calls for the withdrawal from Vietnam of all U. S. military personnel except those in diplomatic service, "hopefully by Dec. 31."

The resolution, carried by a margin of 1451 to 189, also directs all U. S. forces in Southeast Asia "to refrain from taking the initiative in the dropping of bombs and the firing of weapons."

Other resolutions deal with criminal justice, re-registration in Mississippi, fragmented society, family life, patterns, peace, and the Middle East. The section on criminal justice calls for reform of the penal system and puts Baptists on record as "willing to accept our share of the tax burden to pay for implementation of these goals." The Convention expressed "grave concern over role of the U. S. Department of Justice in approving new re-registration procedures adopted this year by a number of Mississippi counties," contending that the procedures will work to the detriment of black voters.

Throughout the five days of meetings, delegates and visitors were urged by several speakers to take action calling for the termination of American military participation in Southeast Asia, same calling for withdrawal by December 31, 1971.

## Hospital Sitters Are In Increasing Demand

Sitters are a little-known part of the hospital scene, although hospitals and nursing homes use them, and there is an increasing demand, these days, for their services.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital, for example, has been using sitters since January of 1962. They are not hospital employees, but the hospital's Nursing Service maintains the sitters registry.

At the present time, Mississippi Baptist Hospital has 29 sitters on the registry, including the nine most recent graduates of a series of instructional classes.

These nine (all from Jackson) include Mrs. Effie Brown, Mrs. Lucille Bishop, Mrs. Naomi Buckley, Mrs. Astell Eastham, Mrs. Frances Neely, Mrs. Neville McGee, Mrs. Martha Russell, Mrs. Muriel Taylor and Mrs. Olivia Manning.

The sitters are women (or, occasionally, men) who sit with patients during their hospital stay. The primary function of the sitter is companionship for the patient.



Mrs. Lona Robinson

They are not hospital employees. They are independent. The hospital provides the registry without charge to the sitter. Also, there are several agencies in Jackson which provide a registry for the sitter, on a salary-percentage basis.

### Financial Crisis --

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Protestant and related groups lost 200,000 members for a total of 70.2 million. Jewish organizations remained at about 5.78 million members. Eastern churches show a gain, for a total of 3.7 million members, the report indicated.

Giving USA took a sampling of 12 Protestant bodies from the 1971 yearbook and compared their giving for the last two years for which figures were available.

The study showed that the 11.5-million member Southern Baptist Convention gained \$47.7 million for a total of \$842.4 million, or a gain in average gift of \$3 to \$73.33. This was the highest total giving of the Churches reviewed.

Seventh-day Adventists (membership, 407,766) gained \$11 million for a \$143.1 million total or a gain in average of \$17 to \$350.96 per member — the highest per member gift of the 12 Churches.

The Episcopal Church (membership down to 3.3 million) showed a \$60 million, per member giving down to \$10 to \$57.

Total church giving between 1960 and 1970 nearly doubled — from 4.5 billion. Giving in 1965 was \$5.98 billion.

## Book Store Manager Earns Th. D. Degree

Charles W. Clark, manager of the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, and a former pastor, on May 7 received his Doctor of Theology degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. A native Mississippian, he attended Clarke College and earned from Mississippi College, both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. He has done additional graduate work at George Peabody College and the University of Tennessee.

Clark has pastored three Mississippi churches. He served Beech Springs Church near Union, and Palestine Church near Raymond. He was pastor of First Church of Byram when he moved to Nashville, Tennessee to begin his work at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Prior to coming to his present position, he was Manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville, Florida from 1965-1970, and Church Administration Consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville from 1963-65. While in Jacksonville, Clark served on the faculty of Luther Rice Seminary.

## Sunday School Department Name

### Changed To "Bible Teaching"

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here has changed its name, effective Oct. 1.

On that date, it will become the Bible teaching department, according to Charles Livingstone, director of the board's church program organizations group.

The name change for the department will be implemented at the same time a new internal arrangement for the department becomes effective.

Livingstone pointed out that the change in the name of the board's department is not an effort to change the name of the Sunday School organizations in Baptist churches across the country. "Sunday School's name should be perpetuated," he said.

The new name will reflect the Bible teaching department's work in ten areas other than Sunday School, Livingstone said.

The areas are: Vacation Bible School, Bible study fellowships, cor-

respondence Bible study, weekday Bible study, Bible study courses, Bible conferences, family Bible study, new Sunday Schools and work with exceptional persons.

"Sunday School will continue to be a large part of the department's work," said Livingstone. "This new name, however, will encourage the department to provide Bible study materials for the churches' expanded needs."

The department will include seven sections: preschool, children, youth, young adult, adult, general officers and special projects.

The renaming of the department is not meant to encourage state conventions to alter their departments' names, nor is it an effort to change the organizational name of Sunday School, said Livingstone.

"Our purpose in this change is to better provide materials for Sunday School and other Bible - teaching projects in the church," he said.

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### MC Receives \$5,000 Grant

A SPECIAL student-faculty committee has been named at Mississippi College to expend a \$5,000 W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant given for the purchase of instructional resources on all facets of environmental problems. Among those on the 10-member committee are, from the left, Sandra Nobles, a Clinton sophomore; Billy Hicks, assistant professor of political science; and J. B. Howell, college librarian and committee chairman. They will be responsible for securing library resource materials dealing with economic and social, as well as technical and scientific, environmental problems.—M.C. Photo by Joe Lee

## Two Baptists Win Top Public Relations Awards

NEW YORK (BP)—Two Southern Baptist public relations women were among ten top winners in the Religious Public Relations Council's Creative Communications awards competition, each winning an engraved plaque and \$50 in cash.

Miss Ione Gray, international editor and writer for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, won the top award in the news story category for her coverage of the cyclone which hit East Pakistan last year.

Miss Marjorie Saunders, public relations director for Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, won in the public relations campaign category.

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## EDITORIAL

### Revolution In The Church

A new revolution has appeared, and it has appeared in a new place. It is a revolution involving youth, and it is taking place in the area of Christianity.

A few years ago there were soothsayers of doom who said that the church (the institution) had lost youth, and that it would not get them back. They had turned to things of the world, and spiritual matters no longer held an appeal for them.

Now something has happened. There is a resurgence of spiritual concern among youth, such as this nation may never have seen before. Indeed, we are not sure that there has been anything like it in Christian history.

Suddenly, across the nation, there has arisen a new interest in Jesus Christ and in the Bible. Groups known as the "Jesus people" and "Jesus freaks" are reaching many of those who once were more interested in drugs and sex. Millions of teenagers of the high school and college age, are manifesting a new interest in things spiritual. Folk and pop music is turning to Christian topics, and is attracting masses of youth. An edition of the New Testament in the language of youth has become a best seller. Hundreds of youth are appearing on beaches and other assembling places of young people to witness for Christ. Conservative Christian groups have become strong forces on college and university campuses. Spiritual revivals among youth have become commonplace, with hundreds and thousands turning to Christ.

What does all of this mean? What can the churches say concerning it? How is it going to effect the churches?

Unfortunately, not all of the new movement is tied to the institutional churches. Many of the movements are outside the churches, and one hears the statement that some of these new "followers" of Jesus would not be

caught dead in the churches. Nevertheless, some of the movement is very closely related to the churches, and some of the greatest experiences have been in the churches themselves. What then can we say?

First, we would suggest some things to the churches.

1. The churches should welcome this movement, rejoicing that a spiritual interest and concern has developed among the youth of the land. This is what we have prayed for, and wanted; so we should rejoice and thank God that it has come.

2. The churches should seek to provide programs which meet the needs of youth, and develop leaders who can and will work with them. The churches must manifest their concern, and lead young people to recognize their concern. They must guide the young people in following the true New Testament faith, and help them not to be led into paths which may be false even though they are called "spiritual."

In the second place we would say



### Guest Editorial

### St. Louis Convention

#### C. E. Whitlow in Baptist New Mexican

In a little over two weeks Southern Baptists will be converging upon St. Louis, site of the 1971 annual meeting. What sort of convention will we have this year? Will the "hostility and tension" described by one editor as characteristic of last year's meeting at Denver prevail this year?

Let's hope not. Let's pray for a meeting marked by love and cooperation. At the same time, let's face whatever convention needs to resolve. Sweeping differences under the rug in the name of unity doesn't get rid of the dirt.

If at Denver last year there were some who were critical of seminar on Morality for Modern Man, and others who didn't like parts of the Broadman Bible Commentary, they had a right to be heard and to introduce any item of business they favored. The convention itself then had the right to react as it pleased. This as I see it is the only way our great Southern Baptist Convention can stay well and healthy—by facing the issues that arise and disposing of them according to the prevailing opinion.

When this democratic approach is branded as "bickering" and "theolog-

ical name-calling," I get worried. Are we arriving at a philosophy of branding everybody who doesn't agree with us as extremists? Are we suggesting that others have no rights to opinions and expressions?

Despite what one editor wrote recently, the Broadman Bible Commentary issue is alive today. And it will continue to be until last year's SBC request to rewrite it from the conservative point of view is honored. An article elsewhere in this issue quotes one of the controversial authors as saying he will not "give up" the views he expressed and which drew so much fire, and the commentary editor is quoted as saying "the commentary will not be rewritten from the conservative point of view." So, where do you go from there? Acquiesce in the name of unity? Resist and continue to be called "self-appointed saviors of orthodoxy?"

In the light of some attitudes today I hear the Apostle Paul saying, "If any, even an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached, don't contest with him. Let him alone. He has a right to propagate his own opinion, and after all, truth will ultimately prevail. And not only that, but people will say you're quarreling and bickering."

sizes the importance of a loving home, and of "discipline that care." He underscores the importance of teaching honesty. He discusses the problem areas of sex, drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Dr. Swor says that there always has been a gap between the generations, and that the gap does not need to be eliminated, but rather should be bridged. This important and infinitely worthwhile book carries a chapter titled, "Because You Ask." Here Dr. Swor gives his answers to twelve of parents' most-asked questions about parent-teen problems. Then, in the following chapter, he gives a "Resource and Book List," pointing out materials that will give additional help. The author says, "In my years as a counselor on a college campus, I never encountered a serious problem with students who had come from homes in which excellent rapport between parents and children had existed and in which the youngsters growing up had felt secure, were well disciplined and adequately instructed, were aware of being genuinely loved, and who admired their parents greatly." Because he does know so many young people, and does speak with authority, the following optimistic statement of his is heartwarming: "I have learned from listening—not to the shouters, disrupters, and four-letter-word specialists, but to many of our finest and most serious youngsters—that their apparent restlessness with the adult

status-defenders grows out of their being more compassionately interested in righting wrongs, correcting inequities, and making more real in daily life the teachings of Christ and the principles of democracy than any youth group in our nation's history." Every parent should read this book. And anyone in any way connected with teenagers would profit by it, for there are the words of a wise man, set forth in his own inimitable way.

NEW CHURCH STUDY COURSE OPERATIONS MANUAL by Don Early, Glenn Smith, Earl Murphy, and Paul Phillips (Convention Press, 2 pp.). Here is a study course about study courses! It explains the new Church Study Course and the need for such study, determining courses needed, planning courses to be offered, promoting participation in study courses, insuring effective class content, giving proper credit for study, requesting diplomas, and giving recognition to participants.

THE BEST OF D. L. MOODY edited by Wilbur M. Smith (Moody Press, 223 pp., \$4.95). D. L. Moody was one of the greatest evangelists ever to live in America. Many books have been written concerning him. Dr. Smith has gathered a collection of his best messages into the one volume. The heart-beat and power of the great preacher is felt in these pages.

2. We thank God for your new concern and interest in things spiritual. We pray that it may not be merely an exciting fad, but that out of it will come the richest and most meaningful experiences of your life, which will effect your whole life.

3. We would urge you to keep your concern and interest tied to the institutional church. The church, as an institution, has been here since it was set up by Christ, and has his promise that it will be here until he comes again. Other movements come and go, but the church lives on. It is the institutional church which has the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the promise of his blessing. Let no demagogue sell you short, by seeking to turn you away from the church. If your movement is to be permanent and is really to have a lasting effect on the world it needs to be tied to the church. Any movement which belittles the institutional church should be seriously questioned.

4. Keep your "Christ movement" Bible and Christ centered. Christianity is a New Testament faith. The Christ of the New Testament is God, and He alone can change hearts and lives. Simply following a popular movement because it names the name of Christ is not enough. We must know and understand the truth concerning Christ if we are to be Christian. Follow Christ, yes, but follow the true Christ, and not a false religion which bears his name.

5. Do not sever your activities from those of other Christians who are more mature. We thank God for the enthusiasm and dedication of youth, but really to change the world, others are needed too. There is one thing which youth does not have...that is experience, and the wisdom which comes from experience. Tie yourself, young people, to older leaders, men and women who have walked along the same path you now walk, and who love the same Lord you love. You need them, and they need you.

One of the most tragic stories in the Bible is that of the young man Rehoboam, who had one of the greatest opportunities of any young king of history. He succeeded his father Solomon, and had opportunity for a great and successful reign. He had ability, training, opportunity and youth. Yet, he lacked one thing, namely, the wisdom which comes with experience. Foolishly he took counsel only from other young men like himself, and refused to listen to older wiser men. He dreamed dreams of mighty accomplishment, but lacked the wisdom to achieve it. Listening only to youth, he created a situation, which brought the kingdom crashing down, so that the largest part, succeeded, and Rehoboam himself had to flee for his life. What could have been a reign of blessing and prosperity, became one of turmoil and defeat.

Young people of our day should turn their ears away from the crys that the church of our day has failed, and that all church members are hypocrites. Those charges simply are not true, and those crying them are seeking only their own advantage. Cleave to the church young people! Add your strength to its strength! Join with its people in building a mighty kingdom for our God! Do that and your movement will live on and on to bless not only your generation but many generations to come.



### THEY DESERVE OUR SOLID BACKING

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Discusses Editor's

##### "St. Louis" Editorial

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have just read your editorials in the May 20 issue of The Baptist Record about the Convention in St. Louis. I feel comment is needed in at least two areas.

In the first place, it seems to me that there was some organized movement last year to do something about Volume I of the Broadman Commentary. I received a letter several weeks before the Convention from Gwin T. Turner of California stating his opposition to it and urging my support for that position. I do not feel that the response of the Convention was simply "instantaneous" nor even spontaneous. There was at least one organized group who opposed Volume I and Bro. Turner thanked them after the Convention for their support.

My second observation is: why "beat around the bush" about any issues which you feel are causing "divisions amongst us, and...unrest in many places"? Why not come flat out and state what you believe they are. Some of us don't move in the circles to know. We can't go to the Convention and be responsible if we don't know. Why not be specific?

I, too, wish and pray for a constructive, Spirit-led Convention.

Sincerely,  
Robert B. Barnes  
First Baptist Church  
Poplarville

I hardly consider one man's letters to friends asking help in an action he is proposing, an "organized" effort, but maybe it is. Anyway, we know of no such action this year. As to "unrest" in many places, I was not seeking to "beat around the bush." I still receive mail and reports from friends, (not just from Mississippi) concerning issues such as the literature, the use of Cooperative program funds, "liberalism" in certain areas, etc. It is not a "storm" but there is "rumbling," so I speak concerning it only when I feel it is necessary. I am "on the team," I believe in Southern Baptist work and I simply want to see the problems solved, so that we can go on "together" in the great work which I believe God has given us to do. —Editor

#### EDUCATION... what's happening

Establishment of a nonprofit corporation to arrange for professional investment management of college and school endowment funds was jointly announced in New York by John F. Meek of Dartmouth College, and George Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation. Called The Common Fund for Nonprofit Organizations, it has a commitment of up to \$2.8 million from the Foundation to enable it to provide its services substantially without cost to member institutions for several years. Meek, vice-president and chairman of the investment committee at Dartmouth, will serve as president of the fund's board of trustees.

Headquartered in New York, the fund will arrange to provide member colleges, universities, and independent schools with investment management of their endowment funds and other funds held for long-term investment. It also will conduct a program of research and publication in the fields of educational endowment management and fiscal management.

Membership in the fund will be open to non-profit colleges, universities, and independent schools. A member institution may place all or part of its funds in the fund, in amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$10 million. Each institution's participation will be expressed in units of the fund which will be revalued monthly to reflect investment results. The fund will be open for member participation as of July 1.—From: Higher Education and National Affairs



A Woman's World Reaches Far  
Beyond the Ironing Board  
Wilda Fancher

Help!

Somebody opened the schoolhouse doors and my kids got out and came home.

"The Annual Upheaval" is a descriptive enough term for it, I believe—that inescapable time of re-scheduling our days, of recycling my nerves in preparation for those piercing, shrieking, simultaneous noises from stereo, cassette, radio, TV, dishwasher, washer, dryer, telephone, doorbell—sometimes I think even the light bulbs at our house make noise.

The progression of grumpiness is quite noticeable. Siegfried, the cat, gets grumpy because the boys' being home makes some of his sleeping places off-bounds. Trixie, the dog, gets grumpy because she gets shut up more often (she follows every boy who leaves the house and joins every ball game in the back yard) than usual.

I get grumpy for a lots of reasons. One, I can't get enough done in this transition period—one can of soup for lunch won't get it any more. Another thing, it takes a while to re-program my vocal chords for yelling loud enough to be heard all day instead of only before and after school.

I'm grumpy, also, because I have to remember how to tune out some of the not infrequent fraternal—but—not very brotherly encounters that now have the whole wading day to flourish in.

Next, James gets grumpy because I got grumpy.

Finally, the boys get grumpy because all else around is grumpy.

Last night the oldest boy—who had read Letters to Philip—very perceptively said confidently to James, as they were recovering their balance after a snap from me, "I believe this is one of those times when Charlie Shedd says, 'Best leave her alone!'"

I felt like saying, "Phooey on Charlie Shedd, too." Instead, I took me a chair outside and left them alone! But they didn't leave me alone. Each son showed in his own quiet, unoffensive way a concern for my feelings—one even turned the TV volume down. Another practiced well for his recital. One came into our room after I had gone to bed and played softly and sweetly on his guitar. I'm sure I shall hear the beautiful music all my life.

In another day or so Siegfried will sleep wherever he can; Trixie will bark happily when she's let out. I'll be in the swing of summer. James will be glad that I am. So will the boys.

It's called "adjustment." All of us will be ready for what will probably be our most exciting summer—what with all the unusual happenings on all our calendars.

Even though it is frustrating and time-consuming, isn't the ability to adjust marvelous?

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Heredity is what makes the mother and father of teen-age college students wonder a little about each other.

# God, The Lord Of History

By Clifton J. Allen

Isaiah 10:5-15; 14:24-27

Isaiah, more clearly and more fully than any other of the Hebrew prophets, declared the truth that God is the Lord of history. All nations are under his dominion. His purposes are being fulfilled in history. Ultimately, nations which deny the reality of God and defy his reign over the entire universe will be brought to downfall.

And ultimately, people who fear the Lord and give allegiance to the Christ of God will be vindicated in the victory of the kingdom of Christ. This

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

### Opposition To God's Truth

Jeremiah 36

By Bill Duncan

When our oldest son was a little smaller he had a unique way of expressing his fear of bad weather. When a special weather bulletin was flashed upon the TV, he would run and turn it off. He thought that if he turned the TV off the weather would not come our way.

This in some ways was the spirit of Jehoiakim. He defied Jeremiah and God by burning the scroll of Jeremiah's message because the prophet considered Judah's plight as hopeless. Man cannot destroy the truth, no matter what his reaction to it may be.

This lesson is very helpful in our understanding of how the Bible came to us. Jeremiah wanted to arouse the king and the nation to concern for their spiritual future. So under God's guidance, the prophet put together many of his messages in a book form.

Then Jeremiah asked Baruch his secretary to take the scroll and read it in the temple on the day of fasting. The methods and the message brought conviction so much that Michaelah persuaded the princes to hear the message. This brought fear and anxiety to this branch of government. The princes suggested that the author and the writer of this message were

truth finds its full affirmation in the truth of the New Testament in terms of the lordship of Christ. We should study this lesson, therefore, with awareness that we need a long view of the Lord of history. The setting of our lesson seems to be during the reign of Hezekiah over Judah, not long before the invasion by Sennacherib of Assyria, toward the end of Isaiah's ministry.

#### The Lesson Explained

##### The Rise Of Assyria

Shortly before the beginning of Isaiah's ministry, Assyria came into prominence as a world power. Under a succession of outstanding rulers—Tiglath-Pileser III, Sargon II, and Sennacherib—the power of Assyria swept toward the west to bring into

##### Instrument of Judgment

Verses 10:5-7, 15

This oracle by Isaiah seems to relate to a time not long before the invasion of Palestine by Sennacherib in 701 B.C. The armies of Assyria had swept across the nations in a succession of victories. Sennacherib boasted that he would conquer and destroy Judah as well as other nations. Isaiah, however, makes it clear that God is really in control. Assyria is the expression of his righteous indignation against a hypocritical nation, a most totally corrupt with violence, sham religion, and immorality. The purpose of Sennacherib was to destroy and cut off nations. But the God of history, with infinite wisdom and perfect righteousness, was permitting world conquest for a time and using Assyria for the purpose of judgment on Judah. Assyria's purpose was the expression of pride and power. God's purpose sought to discipline his people to accomplish the ends of repentance and faith. Verse 15 seems to be a command by the prophet. How absurd for Assyria to vaunt itself with pride! It was as if an ax or a saw or a rod should try to exercise power over its owner or user. Assyria was simply

threw them into the fire. Each Sunday I have people who sit and ignore my sermons. But what if someone came to the front of the church and tore my manuscript into small pieces? I would know that either this person was a mental patient or that he hated what he heard.

It was not the burning of the message but the rejection of God's word that brought the predicted doom to Judah. There were some who were afraid. They must have realized the truth and wanted mercy. But the most of them, verse 24 says, "were no t afraid."

Transportation tickets are often made up in two parts. One part may read, "Not good if detached." That is to say that the two parts have to be joined; they may not be separated. This lesson emphasizes this truth. You cannot separate God and His message. You cannot have one without the other.

No one wants to be the bearer of bad news. But if the doctor's diagnosis indicates cancer, he must be true to the facts. Jeremiah was compelled to speak on unpopular message. He was forced to speak what he knew would be interpreted as treason. He knew that if he spoke or wrote the message his lot could be hardship, persecution and imprisonment. Yet, he had to speak it because it was God's message and he dared not trifle with the message of God. God's will, and word and way are what matters.

Carlyle once said that if the French revolution had not come he could not have believed in God. The passions of men were loosed in that blood bath.

Recently becoming minister of music and youth at Quitman's First Church was Joe E. Joslin. A native Mississippian, Mr. Joslin received his Bachelor and Master's Degrees in music at Delta State College, Cleveland. He taught in the Greenville High School while serving part time in church music work. Prior to his moving to Quitman, he was minister of music at Emmanuel, Greenville. Mrs. Joslin is the former Sharon Perkins. They are the parents of one son, Eddie. Rev. Joe B. Walker is pastor at First, Quitman.

Rev. Carlton Rivers has resigned as pastor of Friendship Church, Malone, Fla., to move to the Pleasant Grove Church, Route 1, Harrisburg, Ark. He is a native of Union, Miss. Mrs. Rivers was Reba Welch of Centerville, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries to East Pakistan, may temporarily be addressed at Muree Christian School, P.O. Jhiki Gali, Muree, West Pakistan. He is a native of Thomasville, Miss. She is the former Guinevere Jenkins of Kosciusko, Miss.

MEMPHIS (BP) — Richard L. Sherrick, retired supporting services Brotherhood Commission here, has been named interim executive secretary of the commission which coordinates Baptist work with laymen and boys.

TACOMA, Wash. (BP)—In a special called session of the Northwest Baptist Convention here, Dan C. Stringer Jr., associate executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, was elected as the Northwest Baptist Convention's executive secretary-treasurer.

ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENNY W. TAYLOR, 20, licensed minister and member of Meadow Brook Church, DeSoto Associa-

tion of Palestine by Sennacherib in 701 B.C. The armies of Assyria had swept across the nations in a succession of victories. Sennacherib boasted that he would conquer and destroy Judah as well as other nations. Isaiah, however, makes it clear that God is really in control. Assyria is the expression of his righteous indignation against a hypocritical nation, a most totally corrupt with violence, sham religion, and immorality. The purpose of Sennacherib was to destroy and cut off nations. But the God of history, with infinite wisdom and perfect righteousness, was permitting world conquest for a time and using Assyria for the purpose of judgment on Judah. Assyria's purpose was the expression of pride and power. God's purpose sought to discipline his people to accomplish the ends of repentance and faith. Verse 15 seems to be a command by the prophet. How absurd for Assyria to vaunt itself with pride! It was as if an ax or a saw or a rod should try to exercise power over its owner or user. Assyria was simply

an instrument in the hands of God. Under The Judgment Of God Verses 14:24-27

Isaiah makes it clear that God's purpose was to use Assyria for judgment and then to bring destruction to Assyria. In fact, the address "O" (10:5) has in it the suggestion of woe or a curse. Assyria is really under the curse of God's judgment. Isaiah emphasizes the fact that God's doings are the expression of his purpose, which is indicative of his sovereignty. His purpose cannot ultimately be destroyed. All that Isaiah did come to fulfillment in the destruction of the army of Sennacherib, which laid a siege upon Jerusalem in 701 B.C. In destruction and death for 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. The way in which this judgment was executed is not revealed. God is in no way helpless. Human history is not some predetermined course controlled by a materialistic succession of events. It is rather the working out of the eternal purpose of God, Lord over all history, for the fulfillment of his redemption through Jesus Christ.

#### To Preach In Libya

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Everett, pastor and wife from Yazoo County, left Mississippi May 26 to fly to Tripoli, Libya, North Africa, and plan to return June 18. Mr. Everett (pictured), pastor of the Sataria Church, will be engaged in a preaching mission.

One of the places where he will preach will be First Baptist Church of Tripoli, a Southern Baptist church, Rev. Blankenship, pastor. The Everetts will also visit their daughter, Mrs. Ray Snowden, who lives in Tripoli and is a member of the First Baptist Church there. (Their son-in-law is employed with Halliburton Oil Wells in Libya.)

#### Mrs. Zachary Now "18 Years Perfect"

A pin representing eighteen years' perfect attendance in Sunday School, Training Union, prayer meeting, Sunday morning and night worship services and WMU, was recently presented to Mrs. John C. Zachary, Laurel, by her pastor, Dr. Joel C. Murphy, Second Avenue Church.

According to Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of "The Baptist Program," this is the only known record of such continuous church services in the Southern Baptist Convention, whose membership numbers over eleven million.

Mrs. Zachary will be representing her church at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis as a delegate of WMU and a messenger from her church. She has also been invited to attend a "Mission Activity" luncheon and tell about "Jones County Churches' Conducting a Bible School for Carnival Children," previously printed in Baptist Record.

In the current issue of Open Window, Mrs. Zachary is the writer for the week May 30-June 5.

#### REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Purvis: May 2-7; 20 professions of faith; 4 by letter; 200 rededications and other commitments; highest consistent attendance in years; Rev. Tom Cox, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Verne Taylor, Selma, singer; Rev. Arlis Nichols, associate pastor.

Trinity, Vicksburg: Rev. Paul O. Lee, evangelist; Harold Smith, song director; Rev. Marvin D. Bigg, pastor; April 25 - May 2; 21 baptisms; 13 by letter; 3 under watch care of church; scores of rededications.

Hillcrest, Lucedale: May 10-16; Rev. J. R. Boutwell of Laurel, evangelist; 18 professions of faith; one by letter; one full-time Christian commitment; numerous rededications; Rev. Thomas E. Manning, pastor.

Allandale Church, Austin, Texas: Bus Ministry Revival; Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, former Mississippian, pastor; Terry Jones, bus ministry evangelist. Mr. Jones challenged the people to begin a bus ministry, and they did. In the next thirteen weeks they increased attendance to all-time records. On May 9, three buses transported 204 children to church; attendance was record breaking — 692 in Sunday School. At the invitation, 51 decisions were made, 42 accepting Jesus as Saviour. The church starts a fourth bus this month and plans to add several more. (Terry Jones, now a staff member, travels across the country organizing bus ministries. He can be contacted at Allandale Baptist Church, 2615 Allandale Road, Austin Texas 78757.)

West End Church, West Point: June 6-12; Rev. Henry Applegate, evangelist; Scotty Shows, music evangelist; Rev. Dan Springfield, pastor; 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Lake Harbor Church, Hwy 43 at Barnett Reservoir: May 30 - June 4; Rev. James Allen, pastor Candlestick Park Church, Jackson; evangelist; Frank Stidell, leading music; services weekday 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, dinner on the grounds; Rev. James Pugh, Jr., pastor.

Bethesda, Route 1, Terry: May 30-June 4; homecoming on Sunday, May 30, with dinner on the grounds; services each night at 7:30; Rev. Glenn Morgan, ... pictured, pastor of East Main Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, evangelist (Mr. Morgan was ordained at Bethesda); Walter Gibbs of Learned, singer; Rev. Kenneth L. Hodges, pastor.



#### Hanging Moss Church Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking services were held for the new Hanging Moss Church of north Jackson, 6135 Hanging Moss Road, Sunday, May 16. The picture shows the church congregation in the background. In the foreground are J. H. Fortune, general contractor; Building Committee: Bob Allen, chairman; M. M. Newell, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ira Worley, honorary member. Second row: Floyd Jackson, secretary; J. C. Hester, church treasurer; Bill Durden; Jimmy Jones, chairman of deacons; Dr. Robert H. Perry, pastor; (not pictured Miss Audie Upton).

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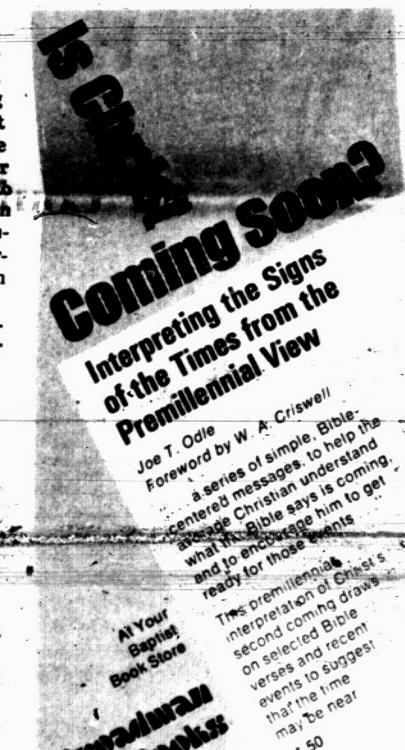
#### Carey Bible Major Wins American Bible Society Award

William Carey College professor, Dr. Don Stewart, left, chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Department, this week presented the American Bible Society Award to student Norman Eugene Gullett.

In making the presentation Dr. Stewart commended Gullett for "excellence as a Biblical Studies Major in the handling of the original language of the New Testament (koine Greek) and in the translation of the same into the English language."

The American Bible Society is entering its 155th year of Scripture translation, publication and distribution. For twelve years it has sponsored an awards program for theological schools and Bible Colleges. In 1970, this offer was extended for the first time to Departments of Religion on the college and university scene. The award is presented to students whose excellence in achievement in these fields deserve special recognition.

The United Bible Societies' Greek-English Wide Margin Loose-Leaf New Testament is given as that edition which is particularly suited to continued Bible study during the student's formal studies and throughout his career. With the stated award, the Department of Religion and Philosophy joins with the American Bible Society in offering sincere congratulations to Mr. Gullett for this significant attainment.

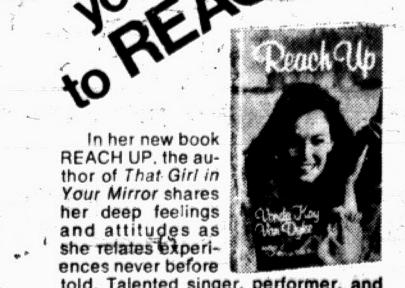


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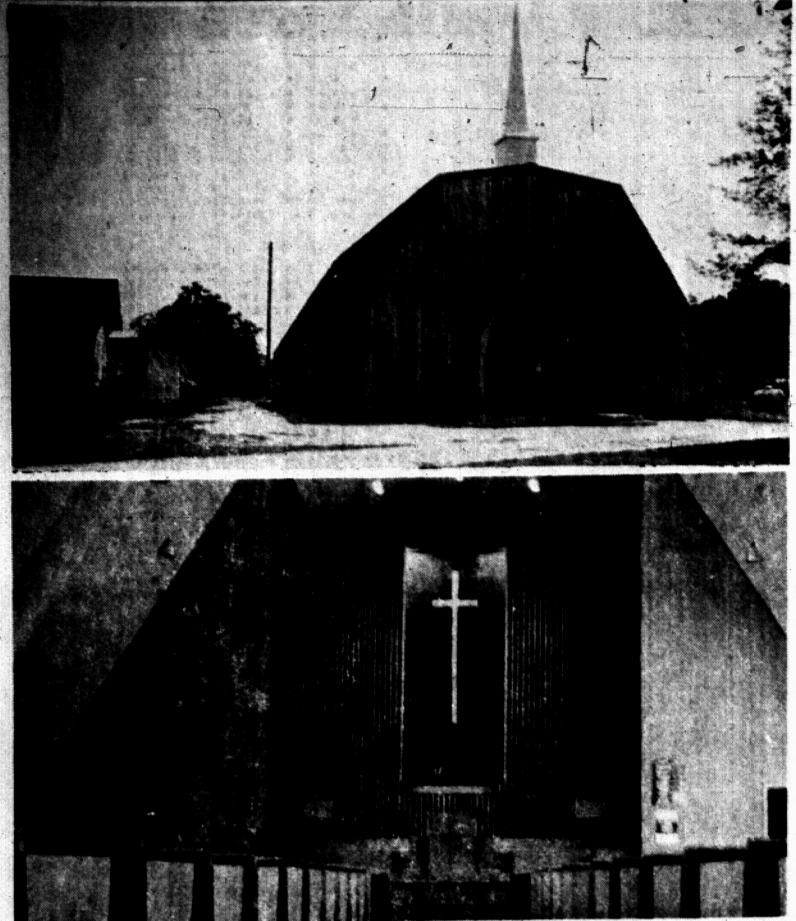
## **Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board**

Jan. 1, 1971–Apr. 28, 1971

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### Hurley To Dedicate Auditorium

HURLEY CHURCH, Jackson Association, will dedicate their new auditorium Sunday, May 30, at 2 p.m. All former pastors, members, and interested persons are invited for lunch following the morning service, and the dedication service. The building is unique in that it is finished outside with cedar board and bat. The interior is finished in natural wood. An area sufficient to park fifty or more cars will be hard surfaced.

### First, West Point To Dedicate Organ

On May 30, First Church, West Point, will dedicate a new Tellers pipe organ. The dedicatory recital will be presented at 3:30 p.m. by James Furlow of Jackson.

The 15-rank instrument was installed in April by the Tellers Organ Company of Erie, Pennsylvania. It is the first Tellers organ in the state. Robert R. Miller of Dallas, Texas, designed it.

Mr. Furlow, a native of Mendenhall, is professor of music at Hind's Junior College. He is organist for the Northminster Church, Jackson.

A reception will be held following the dedication service and recital. The public is invited. Rev. Joel Haire is pastor and Jerry Neely is minister of music.

### Art Exhibit At SBC

"Symphony of Moods," 20 paintings by Bob Harper, art editor of The Commission, will be exhibited during the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-4. The exhibit will be in booth 10 of the exhibition hall at Kiel Auditorium, and Harper will be present to discuss his work with interested persons.

"Art exhibits like this one are giving many people around the world their first encounter with Christians and providing Southern Baptist missionaries an effective tool for communication and witness," says Harper in the enclosed brochure.

The illustrations may be reproduced in state Baptist papers, he said.

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## Off The Record

**Helpful Hubby**  
The doctor had easily diagnosed the couple's constant irritation and nervousness. "You two don't get out and exercise enough," he told them. "Buy yourself something to exercise with, get outside and work out — you'll release all your tensions and feel better."

Some time later the husband returned to the doctor. "Well, you helped me out, Doc," he said, "but my wife is just as irritable as ever."

"Tell me more," the doctor asked. "Well, I bought myself some golf clubs, and they really helped me loose up," the husband continued. "But the lawn mower I got for my wife — why it hasn't done her a bit of good."

Coed, explaining to her friend why she wanted to be an airline hostess: You meet a lot of men that way.

Friend: Yes, but wouldn't you meet as many men doing something else?

Coed: Could be—but not strapped down!

Most women you meet are the generous kind; and in case you may have any doubt of it—just note how one gives you a piece of her mind at a time when she's practically out of it!

### Dr. Warren Hultgren

### Summer BH Speaker

Rev. Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the first summer speaker on "The Baptist Hour," relieving the regular pastor, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, who will be on vacation.

Hultgren's message on June 6, titled "Victim to Victor," will explain how Jesus' seeming defeat on the cross proved to be a victory both for Christ and all who follow Him. In

"Road to Happiness," on June 13, he will discuss the misleading roads offered by the world in contrast to the "path of light" provided by Christ. His June 20 message, "The Way Home," will be an unfolding of the plan and the Person of salvation and the position of the saved. On June 27, the sermon will be "What to Do With Life." It will point out the world's false theories about life, then review God's promises of abundant life through Christ.



### Rock Hill Breaks Ground

Rock Hill Church, Route 2, Brandon, held a groundbreaking service on May 2 for a new building. Many members and visitors were present. Shown (above) is the Building Committee (l to r): Margaret Bass, Mrs. Ray Nash, Dale Dearman, chairman, Gaston Stevens, Horace May, Preston May, and Ray W. J. Murray, pastor.



### Tenth Anniversary For 1st, Meridian, Staff

First Church of Meridian honored their ministers with a tenth anniversary celebration Sunday, May 9. Open house in Fellowship Hall was sponsored by the WMS under the guidance of Mrs. Shirley Petkovsek, president. The evening service was given over to reminiscing about the ten years the ministers and church have spent together, and cash gifts were presented to Rev. David McCubbin, minister of education, and John Laughlin, minister of music. The pastor, Dr. Tinnin, and his family were given a trip to Europe. The ministers and the wife of each are pictured in the photograph. Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. McCubbin, Dr. and Mrs. Beverly Tinnin, Rev. and Mrs. Laughlin.

### Mississippi Men—Fourth Among 31

Church Brotherhood leaders in Mississippi were fourth among 31 states receiving training this year, an eight-month church study course report revealed.

A total of 812 study course awards

were earned by Mississippi Brotherhood leaders through April 30.

Other states and awards were South Carolina, 1,347; Georgia, 982; Florida, 833; and Oklahoma, 422.

A total of 7,014 awards in the Brotherhood leadership section were issued the first eight months, an increase of 3,965 over the same period last year.

### Friendship

### Homecoming

Friendship Church, Route 2, Brookhaven, invites all members, former members and friends to attend their homecoming May 30.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. with a goal of every member present. There will be a morning and afternoon worship service with lunch served at the noon hour.

Two of the young men who have gone out from our congregation to other places of service will be leading the services. Rev. Talmage Smith, pastor of Clear Branch Church, Lincoln County will be the speaker at both the morning and afternoon service. John Jerry Smith, music director at Bratt Church, Bratt, Florida will direct the music.

Rev. Wiley Reid is pastor.

### Devotional

### Stir Up The Mixture

#### Hebrews 4:2

By James M. Metts, Jr., Pastor, First, Indianapolis  
"The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." How strange these words seem to our ears! Why haven't we always heard it said that all you have to do is to present God's Word and the Spirit will do the rest? And again—"God's Word will not return unto us void."

The fact of the matter is that the preached word does no good, unless it is mixed with faith in the heart and mind of them that hear it. This is an obvious truth, but one may somehow overlook. We know that only those who "believe" are saved—We know that God never overpowers or kidnaps anyone into the salvation experience. All must come through faith. We read a challenging promise from God's Word and all the while we have our private doubts and unbelief creep into our minds concerning its truth. We read: "All things work together for good to them who love the Lord." Do we always believe this, accept this, or do we have our mental fingers crossed and add, "most of the time," or else accept it with a degree of reservation. We read: "My God shall supply all your needs." Yes, we read it, and quote it, but all the while deep in our hearts there are "ifs" and "buts," and in essence many times we water down God's word making it nothing but pale, promising platitudes. No promise of God is actually ours until faith, our faith, has staked our personal claim upon it. In other words, God gives us revealed truth and the capacity to believe this truth but we must do the believing. To be sure salvation is a gift of God but, just as God gives us air to breathe, and we must do the breathing of the air to live, so He makes salvation available and we must do the "faithing" of Christ to be saved!

One of you ladies could take all of the ingredients for a cake and dump it into a pan and shove the pan into the oven, but the cake would be a failure. Why? Because you failed to stir up the mixture. You failed to blend it together. You could have taken the same mixture and by properly stirring these ingredients the cake would be fine. We can take God's Word and our ability to believe this Word and understand this Word, but without mixing this Word of God into our life through faith, and without acting upon this Word of God through living, it will go for naught. During Jesus' earthly ministry when people came to Him in need He didn't lecture them on faith, but rather told them to act through faith. Listen: "Stretch forth thy hand"—"Go thy way"—"Arise, take up thy bed and walk." All of these things were outside their physical capabilities, yet in every single case they did what Jesus told them to do. How? They stirred the mixture of God's word given to them through Christ with faith and acted upon this faith in their lives.

Let us stir up the mixture of God's Word and our faith in our lives and live it daily.

### Association Of Southern Baptist Schools

### To Meet In Nashville, Tenn., June 15-16

Dr. G. Earl Quinn, president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, announces the program for the annual meeting of the Association, June 15-16, in Nashville. This meeting brings together presidents, deans, and other top administrative officials of the 55 Baptist schools for inspiration, consultation, and problem-solving sessions. This year recruitment officers and admissions officers are being invited also. Speakers include Cameron C. West, director of the State Board of Higher Education of North Carolina; James B. Holdeman, executive director of Illinois Board of Higher Education;

### Earns Doctorate

Rev. Robert Haynes Perry received the Doctor of Theology degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida in commencement services May 7, in the largest class ever to graduate from Luther Rice. His dissertation was entitled: The Meaning of the Resurrection Body as It Relates to the Christian in the Pauline Epistles.

Dr. Perry, the son of Rev. M. E. Perry and the late Inez Perry, grew up in Hattiesburg, Leakesville and Greenville. He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College. He has studied at New Orleans Seminary, and he received the Th.M. degree from Luther Rice Seminary, 1968.

Dr. Perry is the pastor of the new Hanging Moss Church, being built on Hanging Moss Road in north Jackson. He is married to the former Doris Helen Warnock of Greenville; they have four children.

### Native Mississippi

### Preacher Pioneers New Field Of Ministry

Rev. Robert E. Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wiggins of Indiana, is now serving as associate pastor, in charge of bus evangelism and outreach for the Allapattah Church, Miami, Florida.

Wiggins recently moved from the pastorate of the Golf View Church at Lake Wales, Florida to assume the leadership of this new and exciting ministry, one of the first to minister in this position. He directs a bus ministry which operates 26 buses, and a staff of 56 people, who bring in 500 people to church every Sunday. The ministry is about six months old and is growing every day.

Mr. Wiggins graduated from William Carey College and Southern Seminary. He is a recent graduate of Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, receiving his Th.M. degree.

He is married to the former Carolyn Hill of Belzoni. They have two boys and a baby girl.

Dr. Donald G. Manpel, a native of Pass Christian, Mississippi, is pastor of the Miami church.

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